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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO MAARIV ARTICLE

1. RECENT MAARIV ARTICLE MENTIONED U.S. AND GOJ HOLDING "SECRET TALKS" ON POSSIBLE SALE OF F-16S TO JORDAN. ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE TO RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES ON THIS TOPIC:

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE MAARIV REPORT REGARDING DISCUSSIONS ON U.S. SALE OF F-16S TO JORDAN?

A: -- AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRIVATE DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS.
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-- WE HAVE, HOWEVER, SEEN THE REPORT TO WHICH YOU REFER. IT IS HIGHLY MISLEADING IN THAT THERE ARE NO "SECRET TALKS" ON PROVISION OF F-16S TO JORDAN.

-- WHILE WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, I CAN SAY THAT

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THE USG IS NOT CONSIDERING THE SALE OF F-16S TO JORDAN.

Q: HAS JORDAN REQUESTED F-16S?

A: -- I HAVE SAID WE DO NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITHIN OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

2. ONE QUESTION AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSE ON F-16S TO JORDAN,FROM JUNE 5 NOON PRESS BRIEFING, IS REPORTED IN DAILY PRESS CABLE. VANCE

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